

## Wally Carson Interview on Governor Vic Atiyeh

An interview of Wally Carson on the topic of Oregon Governor Vic Atiyeh, recorded on June 9, 2016. Carson served in Oregon's legislature alongside Atiyeh in the 1960s-70s, and was appointed to Oregon's Supreme Court by Atiyeh in 1982. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer. This is one of two recorded interviews between Moore and Carson on the topic of Atiyeh.

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James Moore 0:00

And it was great, yeah, no, he's, he's clear. And I was, I was really wanted to talk to him, because Victor ended up having extremely clear and yet idiosyncratic ideas about what a good tax was, really and why. So a sales tax is bad because it's a hidden tax. I think to myself, and I look at all winters and not hidden, right? Knows it. But to him, if you didn't know, cumulatively over a year what it was, it was hidden, whereas an income tax is a better tax, because at least once a year you were faced with what that tax is, yeah. And the whole idea for him was, if you know what the tax is, you'll hold your government responsible to spend it well or not spend too much, or whatever. He was a genius. And so one of the things that that Victor gets caught up in is, after he wins re election in 82 he proposes a gross receipts tax, which is basically all of your income before any deductions, but it's a lower than it's a much lower rate than it would be, and it goes nowhere. But out of that, he then says, Well, let's try the sales tax, which I've always opposed. And so that's on the ballot in 1983 and gets creamed like every other sales. Well,

Wally Carson 1:20

I was one of the pushers. And what was it?

We were edged nine to one.

James Moore 1:27

Your 1969 Yes, yeah,

yes. That was the worst defeat. Oh,

Wally Carson 1:34

yeah. And it didn't feel even that close. Yeah, yeah. In fact, I we appeared. I think it was me and Roger Martin, and don't think Vic was there up to channel six. I think it was on a campaign thing before the ballot, and all the crew were wearing no on whatever it was, eight or six or two. Not a good time. Yeah, yeah. Of course, we thought we were doing right, because it was not COVID A new tax, in the sense that all the revenues went to relieve property tax, right? And so we were trying to stave off one dragon over here by creating a dragon over here, and it's just too easy to shoot down. And, yeah,

James Moore 2:21

yeah, Rich's opinion is that trading one text or another is something that'll never fly, never fly with the voters. And it goes with what I've noticed, if it doesn't fit on a bumper sticker, well, you ain't gonna go to true. And no on number always fits on a bumper sticker. Yes. Bad word, six, yeah, all that kind of stuff. So what I wanted to see what your memory would tell is it's 1971 okay, you have just entered the halls of the Senate. Yep, you guys meet in December, and you caucus, and you say, Vic Atiyeh is our minority leader, right? And there it's a the news reports are 10 to four vote. There's a mysterious mention I found once one Republican said he would never support Vic you get a sense that might be okay. And it's neither here nor there, because Bob Smith eventually becomes kind of an interesting player, like that. He doesn't go to caucuses, that kind of stuff. But it's very apparent. Really, very apparent. But then you go, so then it's,

it's January, and you're all getting ready to sit down for the session. And there's 14 of you. There's 16 Republic Democrats, including Debs, including Debs. And so we've got a 1515, tie, correct? And there is a meeting where you guys all sit down in your Republican caucus and figure out what we're going to do. Then votes are cast, and Lynn Newberry is the one who gets the nod to be the president.

Why wasn't it Vic?

Wally Carson 4:18

I don't know. Sorry, drove a long way.

James Moore 4:21

No, it's okay. There's more stuff. There's more stuff. No,

Wally Carson 4:23

I I knew Lynn.

We had a number of meetings, and I think that run it out as I recall it. By the time we got through voting my time, we came up with the

settled agreement.

We voted for almost every one of the Republicans. I think we even voted for Debs once, but we never moved any of the DS. So it was always 1515, but we voted for, I think for Tia novory. I was one of the few they never. COVID nominate. This is

James Moore 5:01

in the caucus. In the caucus. In the caucuses, you just try and trying people out, yeah?

Wally Carson 5:04

Well, actually went to the floor. As I recall it,

Bud was the Democrat nominee from the beginning to the end. Yeah, yeah. And then he lost, in turn to almost all of the Republicans. Yeah, as I remember it, I think I wasn't nominated with him, and I have no idea why bad personnel, but he I'd forgotten that Lynn LED.

James Moore 5:39

There's a hypothesis out there that Lynn, being from Ashland, would be acceptable to Debs. Being from Grants Pass because Debs have made it very clear, I'm not supporting anybody from the lower Willamette Valley. Oh, all of you, Portland, the Salem Eva, people know. Okay,

Wally Carson 5:59

I don't remember that, but that makes sense.

He was the sole surviving member of the coalition,

James Moore 6:11

yeah. And because of him, the Coalition, in effect, continued. Yeah, it did. You know, John Burns gracefully votes for himself, yep.

Wally Carson 6:19

And after some persuasion, yeah,

James Moore 6:23

was there persuasion? Were you part of that persuasion? Yep, uh huh. So it's going in saying you're the guy, because it's

interesting. He's mentioned as kind of one of the three or four, if this stuff doesn't work out, way back in December, oh, you mentioned, he's mentioned. And then, you know, all of them, he pops up at the end. Yep. So Well, the way

Wally Carson 6:43

I remember it

the back up a little earlier. The golden days was when I was Majority Leader in the House, and the edge was 38 to 22 right? Good days. We could always vote your conscience. We told me, yeah, we didn't need to vote and that. But I stayed too long, because I stayed long enough that that my last year in the Senate, we were 24 to six. The other way. Yeah, lot more fun to be exactly but

James Moore 7:18

so going to vote your conscience,

Wally Carson 7:23

whoever cared exactly that's true. I hadn't thought about that, but that's right, we did. I always likened it to being the engineer or the guy on the back end of a hook and ladder truck, but about the only thing you'd say for our six was that the other side got to pick the street and the speed and the destination, and we got to decide whether it be on the far left or the middle left or the middle right. And that's about all we got to do with the back end. Yeah, it became apparent because we just as I said, I don't know how long we whoever, I guess we started with our Grants Pass or our Medford Lynn and but then we decided we'd just run a series. I think I'm correct in this. A series of our people would be a nominee for the Republican, and they lost by the same 1515 and I very well that makes sense to me that Debs was interested in voting for southern Oregonian if he's going to vote Republican. And so that went on for a long time. And then finally, there may have been others involved, but I'm quite sure Vic was part of it. But John Burns, as you know, is from Condon, and is conservative, and I had served with him on the criminal law revision commission for a couple of years or so. Earlier on, I think he was still in the house when he served on it, but by time, he was a senator. And so I think, as I reconstruct it, and I should get my disclaimer that you're talking to a guy who's going to be 82 tomorrow, I

my recollection was that

Tom Hartung and I,

he was the first one I talked to. I said, we and I'm recreating it. Don't remember distinct, distinctly, but if we put out a more conservative Democrat, I wonder if we could get some of the Democrats to vote, we finally conclude we probably not, but if we got the right Democrat, just all he needs to do is vote for himself, right? And we would give them the 14 Republicans and Debs, yeah, and he'd be the president of Senate. And so we figured the guy the most likely to be the fairest of. Uh, from the other caucus would be John Burns. So we approached John Burns, and he considered it, and eventually said, Yes, he built himself. And so, lo and behold, whatever you told me that the day on the phone, whatever,

James Moore 10:16

57 foot, whatever, yeah, yeah, there were a lot of votes.

Wally Carson 10:22

We the Republicans,

nominated John Burns

and John Yeah, and then

rest of Eva. And there was a lot of understanding ahead of time that this would be, he'd be president Senate, but this would be a fair distribution of power and perks and all the rest. And I think there were, because I ain't getting anything. And

James Moore 10:55

first year, yeah, I think the final was 10 committees were Democrats chairs and seven were Republican chairs, yeah, which, for a majority of Democrats, sounds about right, yeah, if you're going to split them, that sounds about right.

Wally Carson 11:10

Yeah, we had, we had, you know, there some people did a little grump, didn't get what they wanted, yeah? But in those days, we also appointed a vice chair, and usually it was the opposite, yeah, party, and so it really was treated, I think, with pretty much 5050, with nobody forgot that John was a Democrat, responsible, including the Democrats. Because, as I recall, Multnomah County Democrat central company started about recalling.

James Moore 11:41

They started, I didn't, didn't ever find that they went further than starting it. They were pretty grumpy. Oh, very grumpy. We're gonna have a trial. We're gonna do this like, oh yeah, we sound like the libertarians.

Wally Carson 11:53

It's mild mannered now, but back then, it was scandalous. So John did very well and was elected and held the course, and we all got along pretty well for a group that couldn't agree what time of day it was, yeah,

James Moore 12:14

I asked you on the phone about the end of the session, and you said you didn't really remember it, but I'm going to put it out there and see I jog anything loose. So at the end of the session, there are several issues that are out there, as they're all every time there's a session like this. But the thing that really gummed things up was the 18 year old vote. It's interesting because I talked to Earl Blumenauer, and Earl Blumenauer as a Lewis and Clark student was pushing it. It

Wally Carson 12:46

was just a little over 18. Yeah, exactly. And

James Moore 12:49

he was adamant that Victor was not a friend to them on this and it's like no Victor voted happily for it in 67 and 69 he said, I work with young people for 20 years as a scout leader. Absolutely they can, and other people disagreed on both sides, and it never passed, but, but then we get up to 71 and things have changed, because the Congress challenged by Nixon has passed a statute that says 18 year olds can vote in all elections. And Nixon said, I don't think it's constitutional, but I encourage John Mitchell to take it up and it quickly. By the end of this is in 1970 by the December of 70, the Supreme Court has decided, no, you can't do that, but you can. For federal elections, the only way you can change it for state and local is with the constitutional amendment, amendment. And so in March, they do a constitutional amendment, and it's the quickest constitutional amendment ratified by the end, three months later, everybody it's ratified. But so Oregon is fighting this out. Are we going to be the 32nd one to ratify it? And it comes down to a partisan fight, because, as Victor says it, and Bob Smith jumps in here as well. Victor is saying that you can't do this. If the people of Oregon, who have just the previous summer voted against this, we can't, as a legislature pass a law that the people have just said no to. It's just ethically not right. And people get their backs up and off we go in the middle of this, the Democrats are for it, so Republicans are against it. So it's that that split, and what's Deb's going to do those kinds of things in the middle of this, there's a crucial meeting of a committee with Harry boy, then as the chair, and John Burns his Acting Governor, because Tom's out of. Down. That's right, that was the key. And boy then somebody in the back, and Earl thinks gave me a name if we think said it. Somebody says, If I were the president of the Senate. And boy then says, wait, I am. And it took three votes to get out of committee. There was a Republican who would vote against it all the time, and think Amy, I'm not sure who that was, who would vote against it, and two Democrats weren't there, so it was just not doing anything. And so boy then said, Oh, I can. And so he appointed two members of the committee. They had a full complement of five. They passed it out, four to one, it went to the floor, burns, gets back to being this, and blows a gasket, and eventually it's sent back to the committee, but the committee then passes it out, and it goes to a vote on the floor. And in the vote on the floor, it's voted down, and then people change their votes so we can vote on it again. And eventually George Wingard is the only Republican to come over and vote it, and it passes, 1614, so the constitutional amendment is passed. And this is the eighth of June, or something. And so then, boom, boom, boom, within three days we're done with the session.

Bring any bills?

Wally Carson 16:27

Well, I remember

the consternation when,

before we changed the Constitution on succession,

when McCall left that all of a sudden, our president of Senate, burns became governor, couldn't be Senator, technically, at the same time, had no vote. And boy Ven, who was originally part of the coalition,

yeah, well, yeah, for years, yeah. He invented

James Moore 16:57

it back in 1937 when he was in the house. Oh, you're kidding. No, I didn't know that there was a coalition. Then he was the speaker at the house. Yeah, a coalition.

Wally Carson 17:07

Okay, well, little dogs. But then he became president of the Senate for a day or more, and that's when it all happened. Now, I remember that, and it was a little concerning, or more than a little concerning, and for some reason, McCall had gone far enough that he couldn't get back, or didn't get back. I never determined, to my own satisfaction, how much is, because it did go over for a period of time. So I can do that now, the ultimately, how many replacing on the committee, it makes some sense. I don't remember that. And then it comes out of the committee, makes sense, personally, and then how it wound up on the floor, and where Vic was, I just don't remember, okay, yeah. I just it was disappointing where everybody was angry, of course, that that was kind of a necessary result of the first problem of selecting a presiding officer, because all this stuff fell from Yeah, that

James Moore 18:15

yeah discussion. And as usual, in a session, there are a few partisan votes during the session. But there, there actually aren't that many. That's true, mean. And it's tell people that, unless you got to be kidding. No, no, no, it's amazing. Yeah, and I'm dealing, I'm in the heart of 73 right now for my own research, which is so we have single member districts now, which fundamentally changes the nature. And yet, even with all the new young blood and the more partisan things, there's still the votes are all over the place. Yeah, it just there's not the partisanship that we begin to see develop later on.

Wally Carson 18:52

Do you When do you think that started to develop?

James Moore 18:56

When I talked to Ted Kulongowski about this, he saw it as really a function of kind of the mid 80s, it's in effect when Oregon Republicans begin to think that they were Ronald Reagan. And so it the social issues become more important. So there's more litmus test kinds of things and and Republicans I've talked to see it at that same time. There's also one. It's a weird thing. I'm gonna when I get to that, I'll pay more attention to it. But the Walter hustles of the world in effect, cause more partisanship to kind of keep him to the side as well as we're more identified as Republicans, that kind of thing. So it's but the mid 80s seems to be a real coalescing time

Wally Carson 19:47

well, because I reflect back on my both in the House and Senate, and it was, of course, when I was a freshman in the house. Jim Redden. Lovable. Jim Redden is the the. Yeah, Minority Leader, and he would always say to stand up back of the house and say, I'm shocked and appalled, and the whole place is breaking the laughter. The Democrats would laugh. The secretaries would laugh. Oh, Jim. And that's just the way it was. And then when it was 22 to 38 everybody was good. I remember Ron McKenzie going back to the sales tax. Rod McKenzie voted against it. He's one of the few Republicans voting against the sales tax in 69 I guess it was and March or April, or whenever, and but he said it passes, it'll be known forever as Republican pennies. And do you remember? Yeah, very good. He was former Marine from sixes and tougher nails. Oh,

James Moore 20:56

yeah. Okay. And the name I just because I was this is also 67 is beachville, Oh, yeah. And so rod is one of the people who they haul in with Paul Hanneman and the bunch. They all come over to Roger Martin's apartment because he's sharing it with Lee Johnson, yeah. And that's where they have the crucial yelling meeting to put everything together,

Wally Carson 21:19

yeah. And that finally, Karen, I always have fond memories, because the only role I played on that was, if you remember when the bill, the Beach Bill, you're not riding on the Beach Bill, with the beach Bill was going to be at the forward edge of the vegetation, was going to be the that finding line between the dry sand. We already saw the wet sand, dry sand and up ones. And it occurred to me, because I've in law school, I've done some research, and we had the same problem on the Columbia when we started building dams that the different the line between Oregon and Washington was the main midstream of the main channel of the Columbia River, right changes, and when you have workers comp, was it an Oregon worker comp or Washington workers comp? And back then, in those days, I did some research, and I think I'm correct in saying they then took the coordinates and built the coordinates for the difference in Congress approved the difference the line between Oregon and Washington. And interesting enough, I don't think, or at least one up by time I had left, we'd never change the county lines.

Oh, so they're still wondering, yeah,

there are. I was going to write murder Hood River ish, yeah, I write a perfect murder as you could be in a row boat and be below the coordinate lines for Washington, but above the mid channel for Oregon, you're nowhere and but suggested that that might be a more, because what was happening was people who were positioning, some were planting vegetation, and some were uprooting vegetation Exactly. And so they, and I was surprised, they could do it so quickly. So they just did the 16 foot that shows up and and people have asked me, you know, I volunteered. I never sure which on McCall's picture in the Capitol, it has the meter rod, surveyors rod, and I, we used to call it the idiot stick. And when I worked for the Highway Department during the summer, that's what I did part of my jobs for the local region, Bridget vision and hold the red and white stick. And that's what's foremost in that picture of a call representing the Beach Bill. I'm taking you down a path you didn't need to go. But anyway,

James Moore 23:58

Beach Bill, the Beach Bill, it's not a central part, but it's a fascinating part. Oh, yeah, it becomes important because for Vic it's tied up in property rights. And then he is as legislator and Governor has living with the reputation of it, the reality of it, yeah,

Wally Carson 24:13

all that stuff so well, he did it, marvelous job and all that.

James Moore 24:16

And he says, Audrey just hated that painting. Oh, I don't blame just hate that. There are

Wally Carson 24:21

a lot of things Andre didn't mind.

And trying to fall follow McCall would just have to, you know, even being his entourage, what was that? Who was it?

Oh, Bob Davis. When his his function was always to when McCall spoke, was to make sure he met McCall calling, coming off the rostrum, and guided him out so he didn't get one of you guys asking some questions, but he was held up something on. And the one with the knife under the shawl. And somebody, I don't know, who did it, somebody asked him, and that's when McCall came with his great argument about the Vice President, yeah, and his knife under the shawl.

Davis said I missed that one.

James Moore 25:20

Okay, yeah, I just wrote about that as well, just because it's, there's national stuff, Hatfields being considered for President. Yeah, in there as well. 71 ish, and then 7071 is McCall's getting national press for taking on the vice president. But then we go to the 72 convention, where Vic is. There's a fight in 68 or where the Vic should actually be on the platform committee, which Vic didn't know about. It was a fight between McCall and Hatfield. Oh, and Vic was the innocent centerpiece, and nobody knew this. And then it blew up, and Vic, Vic did well. He stayed there. But so 72 he's definitely on the platform committee, but he's also been asked to be on the Finance Committee for the committee to re elect the president,

which we now know as creep.

It was officially CRP, but committee to re elect the president at the time people called it creep. It's like you're advertising people. You should know this, but I figured that one out. Our CRP is crap, so, you know, whatever. But on the the head of the committee is Marie stands, who gets caught up in Watergate trial, but not convicted. The council is G Gordon Liddy. Oh prohibits, yes. And so there's little, you know, oh, intrigue. Victor was there with the Watergate people, as they were making money. Had already broken into stuff at that point. Yeah, it was, it was going and Gordon, yeah. Just amazing things. Amazing things. Okay, um, so let's go to 73 just a bit. Okay, in 73 McCall appoints Victor to be on a five person Energy Commission. And I know there's at least one meeting where you attended because Victor couldn't go. But do you remember what anything about the Energy Commission? No, okay, my sense is that the timing of it is before the oil crisis that hits that fall. Okay? Because that happens, that happens in October. Is that war September? October is that war in the Middle East, and then the boycott comes after that. This is a commission that we're looking at BPA running out of Columbia River power.

Wally Carson 27:45

Well, that's that would be what I put my money on. Because I remember some were suggesting that we mostly from California, that we provide California with our excess water, right? And I came up with the idea, or somebody else did that, we'd swap them barrels our water for their oil in California. And it never went anywhere, nor did the canal or the pipeline or anything, right? But that, that was about that time that was important. But it was the water problem that we were going to make California whole by shipping our water. All I remember was the waiting in line for the gas service. Gasoline service. Yeah, I was listening one night when I was in California going to college. I listened to kx. And then for a long time up here, I listened to KGO, because those are the two stations I listened to. And one night I was during all this McCall and Straub, and later with a brick and the toilet and all that sort of stuff, I heard a talk show on KGO, and they were talking about the odd even resolve all the problems with people with your last letter on your number on your license plate, you could serve you could be served on the even day. And I never asked westerdoll or the governor whether they might have been listening to KGO that Wednesday evening or whatever it was, but within days, McCall came out with his odd, even solution to the problem. I thought, I think I know where he got that one. Yeah,

James Moore 29:29

yeah, which

Wally Carson 29:30

was good solution? Yeah.

I'm trying to think, I don't even remember being on the energy but what we were talking about. But it probably had to do something with hydroelectric power, as you said, and because, in my recollection, was BBA was was to Oregon, what TVA was to the Tennessee Valley. Yeah. I mean, they ruled and and. Because they had no responsibility to us. They had all the big government, exactly and so and I had friends who worked for the BPA, but I that could be what we were talking about. There was that, because we were starting to lose more electricity, and we've been spoiled so badly because of all the wonderful hydroelectric dams built. And we didn't know what it was like to have COVID piled fired generators or anything else so but we found out exactly,

James Moore 30:37

yeah, yeah. I wrote a one of the chapters is about energy, because that's the, really the focus of fixed first year as governor. 79 is the second oil crisis because of Iran. Then Three Mile Island happens in March. Yeah, so we're Trojan, Trojan. Are we gonna build pebble springs? Whoops, yeah, that's all maybe not, maybe not. And then it eventually comes together with the Northwest Power Planning Council, we've got to really get the states to cooperate on what's happening with the Columbia and be in there to talk equally with the feds, instead of having EPA just tell us what's going on. Yeah,

Wally Carson 31:19

it brings back old memories, because that's I'd forgot all about that. Yeah,

James Moore 31:21

yeah. But, but this committee, which I didn't know when I wrote that chapter, I think, is going to place Victor much earlier as get real gain, gaining an expertise, an idea of what's happening with the energy stuff.

Wally Carson 31:35

Yeah, well, he, he was very good that way. He, he did his own work.

Yeah, no, I

James Moore 31:43

got a dry well on that one. Okay, one more question. Then 1971 Victor pushes and it becomes reality. There's a legislative

commission on Indian Affairs

that's still in existence to this day. Do you remember that at all?

Unknown Speaker 32:06

Well,

Wally Carson 32:09

this is where my

brain death is overtaking me.

We had quite episode, and it would probably was what you're talking about, or it happened later, when I was on the Supreme Court, but I we, I must have been back in those days, tried to boost up the help the governance of our various tribes. And Vic was leading that. And we had one meeting, I remember in the

twisty or whatever you call the one in the basement now.

And he and I attended to talk with and had assembled the various councils and committees from a number of the Indian tribes in Oregon. And I don't know whether that was part of it, so I can't be much help, okay, but he was, I know he was sensitive to that issue, and something about it, we needed them as much as they needed us. I can remember one of the meetings, but I don't remember the context. No,

James Moore 33:20

that's good. That's good.

Trying to figure out why Victor cared so much about the tribes. I've got a working hypothesis, and I don't know if I'll be able to nail it down, but the working hypothesis is that it was, Oh, I just based on his name Betsy Johnson's father, Sam, Sam, because Sam in 67 is when he sells his mill to the warm source, as Roger Martin puts it, they saved his bacon. But in any case, but, but he and Vic were close at that point already, and so I'm just wondering if that might be when. Well, yeah, no, no, no,

Wally Carson 34:10

I have a hard time placing the time, but I still remember that Vic was very interested in working with the tribes, and it might have been through Sam, because Sam was an important member of the house at the time, and his father had owned the workings of the Warm Springs mill. Of course, the Warm Springs owned all the timber, and

trying to think of there must have been something else, whether the

Pelton dam played into it, or whether it was water or electricity or timber. But Vic became champion for the as I remember, for the governance. Members of the tribes trying to get so they had a voice in their own government that cooperated in our government. And of course, there are a lot of things going on, Billy Chinook reservoir and the Pelton dam, and the recreation was booming over chutes County in that area.

But I can't help you. I'm sorry.

James Moore 35:23

Well, I just discovered maybe a month ago that because I'm going to talk to Betsy and see if she knows, but Donna Zhang was his, was Sam's legislative assistant.

Wally Carson 35:35

I don't remember. Do you remember that?

James Moore 35:36

And so I don't, she's around, and I just she's peripheral to my story. I have her in there. She's still living around here. I don't know. I think she is, but she comes up because she was running against Barbara Roberts for Secretary of State. Oh, and I just have that a brief thing in there, because Donna Zajonc was, let's go with helmets in and take care of the Raj dishes. And Barbara was more like Vic. Let's, let's talk about, let's talk about this. But if I can find Donna, she may know as well. So yeah,

Wally Carson 36:10

did her husband pass away? You know, I can't remember. Okay,

I haven't seen Donna for 40 years.

Well, very interesting. I'm glad you came down here. Sorry to make you drive all the way. This

James Moore 36:32

is great. This is great. Give me little bits of pieces, lots of pieces, and then I put them back together, and I trace them through and see if I can find where they go. And, yeah, it's great.

Speaker 1 36:44

Anything else in that? No, no, no, I meant to offer you coffee or ice water. Oh, no, no,

James Moore 36:53

I'm fine. Yep, yeah, it's, it's, um, it's really fun. And because I'm doing the legislative stuff now, I've done Vic's tax reform when he tried to do the sales tax, I've done the unitary tax. So I've done the when he's governor, they're going to be big somatic things, but to get him there, it's going to be more chronology, because he picks up things and builds on it, and it comes back again. And so, geez, when you're governor, you're like this, this energy thing, wow, when he's governor in 79 you can refer back to this thing in 73 you know those kinds of things? Well,

Wally Carson 37:32

he did that his whole career. Because I think one of the things that was most interesting to me was and he orchestrated it, but he that same skill that he serve in some quiet committee or introduce a bill that was something work had a picture taken with some Governor signing it. There's Vic and it's and it didn't make him much different. These were pure

Democrat issues at the time, but the housing and election stuff, and I'll clear back into the he was part of the Young Turks that was elected 59

James Moore 38:12

is those young Turks, okay? And then they add in Bob Smith when he comes in 61 okay.

Wally Carson 38:17

Well, that group of people. I'm trying to think one of them was a moving company exec from Portland, I think, or later became, anyway, but he did a lot of planting seeds in the Young Turk days that became, just as you ticked my mind, became very relevant and gave him credibility, because he could go back in his file and pick out a bill that he had promoted or introduced or written or whatever, to do what we're now talking about. Yeah, and the Democrats said it was all new. Oh no, yeah. Senator tea, yeah, yeah, he was incredible.

James Moore 38:57

Well, the IP 28 which we're going to vote on in the fall, this big gross receipts tax. Victor proposed a gross receipts tax. You mentioned that? Yeah, I forgotten that. And it's Mark Hatfield's net receipts tax. And it's like, it's just when I talked to you a year ago in February, you were talking about going up to Washington State once, and they all the Republicans and Democrats were completely

Wally Carson 39:30

opposite. Yeah, water and the water changes your political but it's

James Moore 39:32

just like, you know, a given time here, it's exactly, and we saw the sales tax, yep, back and forth. But I was on I was doing a show on channel two after the short session was over with Democratic leadership and Republican leadership, and the host asked him about this the IP 28 and the Republicans were it's a. Sales tax, it's going to go after big corporations. They said, Well, Jim and I said, Well, you've just heard it, whichever these arguments, wins, wins. Yeah. If it's a sales tax, it's going to fail. If it's against big corporations, it's going to pass. Yeah. And I just need to tell you that Victor Tia, the Republican governor proposed exactly this sort of tax in 1982 Oh, you can see lightning up. Oh, jeez, his was more, much more on individual taxpayers. But same idea, yeah, same idea, and his would have raised \$1.5 billion in today's dollars, which is in the ballpark of the 5 billion they're talking for this. So it's just, oh, that's isn't it interesting? I just

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love to hear about politics and how all these things develop.

Wally Carson 40:57

Everything changes, but everything stays the same.

James Moore 41:00

Yeah, yeah. As Vic said, there's only so many ways you can tax people, and only so many people you can tax. That's right. And so how are you going to get A, B, A, C, A, D, yep, and whatever works.

Wally Carson 41:15

Oh, that's amazing. Yeah.

Well, that's well, when is all this going to be published? I hope next year. Okay,

James Moore 41:24

when I'm working, because I was on sabbatical when I saw you. Oh, but when I'm working, I get I carve out a single day a week is when I can work on the book. Oh, good. Now I summer and so cranking,

Wally Carson 41:38

doing a great job like

James Moore 41:41

I should have 500 pages done by the end of

the weekend in depth. Well, I want to write big and then the book comes out of that. But the big thing goes on to the archive website with connections to everything. Oh, wonderful. So you were able to say, I don't think so. And you click on it, there's a newspaper article, or there's in Vic's hand, you know, this, that, or the other,

Wally Carson 42:03

whatever. Good. Well, thank you for doing that. He's certainly a wonderful fellow. Is, is Mrs. Satya is still door, still under the weather.

James Moore 42:14

She's, yeah, yeah, although, because I've never been able, I mean, I met her, Vic introduced us, but she's often her own world. But I just discovered in our archive, we have a 1978 just after Vic spent elected. This is your life, Dolores Atilla at some lunch. And so I think it sounds the background sounds like the Republican Women somewhere, Heather, this is your life. So I'm going to have in her own voice, and the voice of her contemporaries, much more about her growing up, her place, a voice that's really missing. Yeah, it's very, very hard for me to get to at all. So that's that's great. It's only 40 minutes, but it'll be wonderful. That'll be good. And the fun thing when I'm doing the legislative stuff, because it's just Tom McCall's era, oh yeah, what I'm discovering is we think we live in Tom McCall state. We identify as a Tom McCall state, but we live in Bucha state, you do. And so I don't know how I'll be able to express that in a title or something, but that's what I want people to come away with.

Wally Carson 43:25

I don't know how either, but I think that you, on your own, came up with the idea that you go back in his early days, you find seeds or roots or blueprints or whatever. Were things that later became very popular, yeah, and he came back, but he was revisiting it. Yeah, not, not heard it on KGO or some No, done some work. He done

James Moore 43:48

some work when nobody else was in the field and doing the legislative side is fascinating, because that is the Hatfield years, the McCall years. Yeah, strong and, and it's, it's basically, we look back and it's McCall, McCall, McCall, McCall, but McCall didn't do the hard work of making it happen in the legislature. Of course, this book is going to be for things like the Beach Bill and stuff like that. It's going to be this is why people like the Catia and Paul Hanneman and some others say McCall had nothing to do with the Beach Bill, yeah, because it was doing this, this and this, and then he jumped in right and Vic is very clear. It wouldn't have passed without McCall, but McCall had nothing to do with it, and he didn't do the hard work to make it pass. So that's why, when he said, Audrey hated that painting,

it has even more resonance for Vic. Yeah. I.